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Garbutt seeking answers from township

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Jim Garbutt, owner of Garbutt Disposal, came to Minden Hills council chambers last week looking for answers regarding a delegation he'd made to council in May, exchanges between him and Mayor Brent Devolin becoming tense at times.

During the May 30 delegation, Garbutt had told councillors that amid a falling market for recyclable materials, he was unsure his business would be able to continue operation of a processing facility in Lochlin where mixed paper and corrugated cardboard is recycled. He suggested a \$100 per ton processing fee for cardboard.

"I just have to get a few things clarified," Garbutt told councillors during a Sept. 26 meeting. "The reason I'm confused is, the last thing I said to council in my letter that day was summer is fast approaching, so we need to know as soon as possible which direction to proceed in. That meant to me that I thought

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ASES students walk for Terry Fox

Logan Beers holds a Terry Fox Run flag while walking with other students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Sept. 27. Logan, who was walking for a family friend and his "poppa" Bill Beers, was among a contingent of some 400 walkers and runners from ASES participating. See more photos on page 12. /DARREN LUM Staff

Affordable housing targets set

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Sept. 25 county council meeting.

County councillors approved an ideal goal

of 750 additional affordable rental units being created in Haliburton County by 2029.

Hope Lee, manager, human services housing services, City of Kawartha Lakes presented the targets to council and spoke to the "extremely concerning" vacancy rate and "lack of purposeful housing" in both Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes. According to her report, "the targets

are striving to create housing, both rental and ownership, where the rent or the accommodation costs would not exceed 30 per cent of the gross annual household income for low to moderate income households." Of those 750 units, 270 would be geared toward low-income residents, 200 would be geared toward middle-income residents and

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EQAO scores prompt adjustments at schools

by **JENN WATT**
Editor

Standardized test results for school boards and individual schools were released on Sept. 25 giving teachers and administrators an indication of where students are succeeding in academics and where more work needs to be done.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board issued a press release highlighting improvements in test scores for the 2018-2019 school year in math for high school students, with both applied and academic scores higher than last year and higher than the provincial scores.

Scores for special needs students have had a dramatic increase of 17 per cent in academic and three per cent in applied. "Students with special needs outperformed the province in Grades 3, 6, and 9 in all areas except for writing," TLDSB communications staff reported.

The board noted that there was a decline in writing scores at the Grade 3 level, which has prompted additional attention. Schools within Haliburton County had varied results.

Archie Stouffer Elementary School saw an increase in the number of students at or above the standard for math in Grade 3 with 48 per cent, up from 44 the previous year. Thirty per cent of students in Grade 3 met the standard in writing; 52 per cent for reading.

Grade 6 scores were a bit higher, with 58 per cent at or above the provincial standard in math; 78 per cent meeting the standard in writing; and 85 per cent in reading. In all three categories, the percentage of Grade 6 ASES students meeting the standard was higher than the percentage for TLDSB.

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School had a decrease in the number of Grade 6 students at or above the provincial standard in math dropping from 44 per cent in 2017-2018 to 30 per cent in 2018-2019. Numbers were stable for writing (72 per cent) and reading (74 per cent).

Stuart Baker Elementary School scores declined in all three categories from last year. Thirty-seven per cent of Grade 3 students met or exceeded the standard in math; 43 per cent in writing; and 60 per cent in reading.

Cardiff Elementary School, which had 13 Grade 3 students last year, had 15 per cent meet the provincial standard in math; 31 per cent in writing; and 31 per cent in reading.

At Wilberforce Elementary School, a quarter of Grade 6 students met the provincial standard in math; 67 per cent in writing; and 58 per cent in reading. There were 12 Grade 6 students at WES last year.

At the high school, 60 per cent of students were successful on their literacy test compared to 71 per cent in TLDSB and 80 per cent in the province. The literacy test is taken in Grade

10. In applied math, 46 per cent of Grade 9 HHSS students met the provincial standard and in academic, 85 per cent met the standard.

Superintendent of learning Katherine MacIver said results from the Education Quality and Assessment Office, or EQAO, are one tool among many that educators have in assessing how students are doing.

"We remember that EQAO is a snapshot. It's a short period of time and a timed assessment, so we should also be looking at report card data, there's a lot more to the evaluation of a student than just one assessment," she said.

EQAO can provide the board with detailed information about some of the questions and student responses, which allows the schools to make adjustments where necessary.

"It's useful to our [Grade] 4 and 7 and Grade 10 teachers right now because those [assessments] are some of the students they're teaching and they can look back at what skills they did well on and where they needed improvement," MacIver said. The tests were taken last year, so teachers for the subsequent grades now have those students in their classrooms. "For the primary assessment, our teachers are looking sort of over time over a number of different years of the assessment. Are we having the same issue? Are we seeing any trends in how students are doing on individual questions or individual topics? That sort of thing."

Parents are given feedback from EQAO as well regarding proficiency in specific skills.

Results also prompt the board to make adjustments, MacIver said.

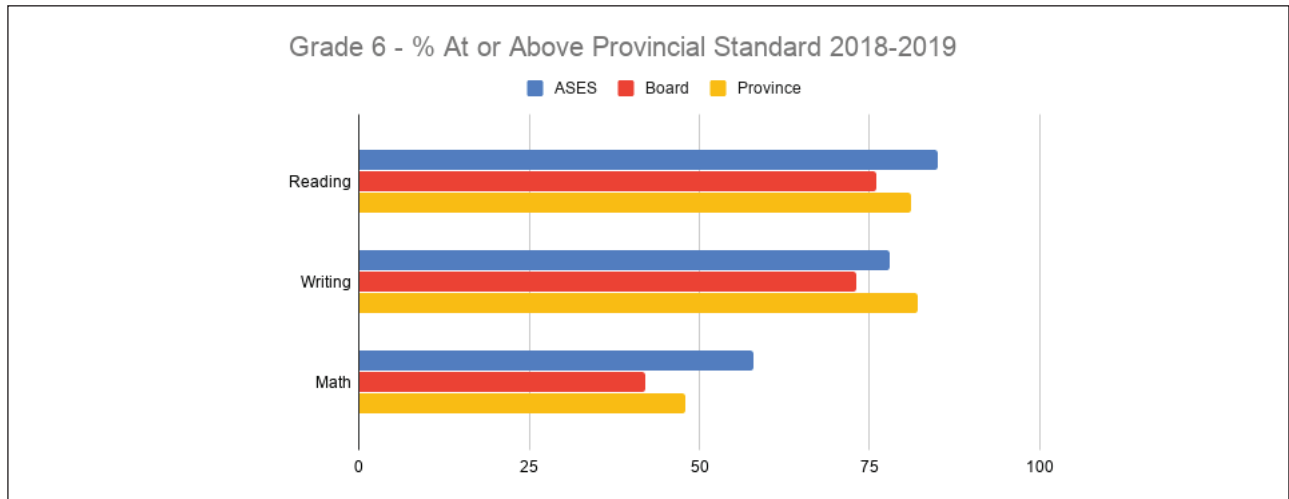
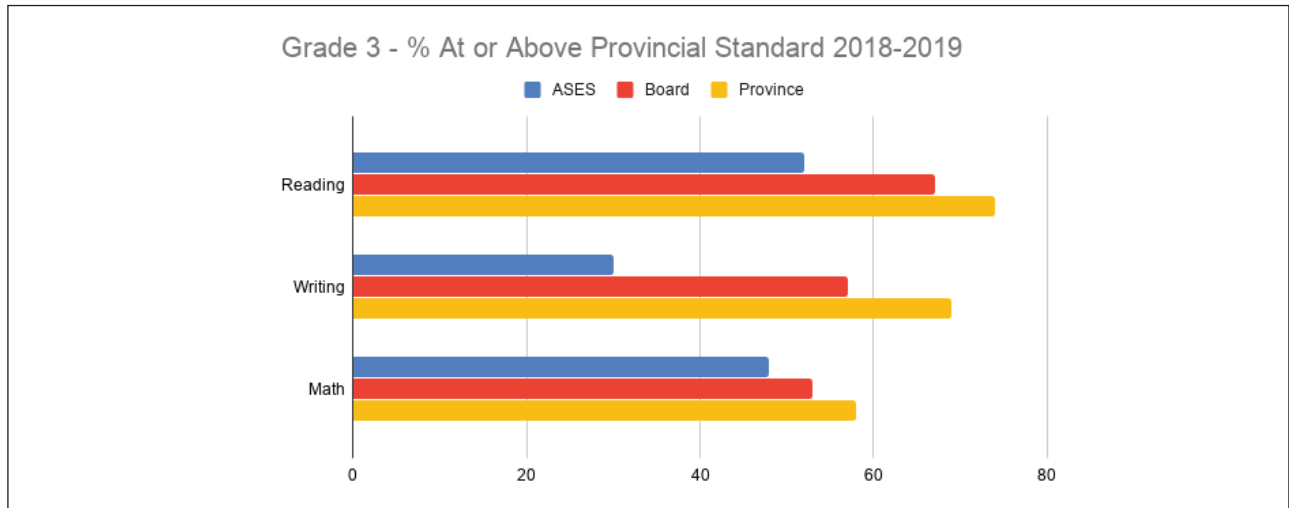
"We are looking at how we allocate resources and whether they be funding for materials, whether they be coaches that support classroom teachers and so we've also assigned some of those resources to schools where there's a need," she said.

In math, she said the board is pleased to see the improvements at the high school level.

"We're reassured by those Grade 9 results and actually I would say quite proud, especially of our applied level results of our student performance there, but we also know that's one measure, one assessment and we take it in relation to credit accumulation, marks, all those other pieces that tell the story about how our students are learning," she said.

Writing scores boardwide have declined six per cent for Grade 3 students, which will be addressed, a press release from TLDSB says.

"We will continue to have high expectations for our students and for our staff as we continue our work in the development and student improvement in fundamental math skills," Larry Hope, director of education, said in a press release. "However we know we cannot lose sight of our literacy skills development, especially for our youngest learners."



Ongoing funding and support needed for housing targets

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280 would be deemed supportive.

The additional units included in the target will not necessarily be new, but could be the result of resale of existing ownership, subsidy to a tenant to use in an existing market rental, rehabilitation of spaces not currently residential rental or inhabitable, secondary suites in new construction or in an existing dwelling or purpose-built rental and ownership.

To achieve targets, Lee said, it would be necessary for continued, ongoing and sustainable funding and policy support at all three levels of government and participation of multiple partners as well as continued and ongoing education and information for all partners, especially in developing more through the private market and secondary suites.

"...[M]aybe we haven't spent as much time or effort on providing information and education to partners," she said. "While we talk about developing affordable housing, sometimes it's not clear to some of those partners what that looks like, what that means, what might be available to help them help us to achieve that."

The City of Kawartha Lakes ideal target totals 2,000 units.

Physician recruitment underway

Cheryl Kennedy, physician recruitment coordinator, updated county council on her work since May in finding doctors to fill positions throughout the county.

Kennedy said she had met with 29 health professionals to date, including students, residents, locums and practicing physicians, and has also met with mayors from each of the county's municipalities to discuss the needs and wants throughout the area.

Besides attending job fairs, Kennedy said she has expanded her network through meeting other recruiters and joining the Canadian Association of Staff Physician Recruiters organization and has developed a database of physician contacts as well as rental properties necessary for locums.

Next steps include reviewing financial incentives, developing a recruitment strategic plan and attending more job fairs to expand networking.

Planning for climate change

Sue Shikaze, health promoter with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit updated council on her work with a new portfolio at the health unit that focuses on climate change and health through a climate change health vulnerability and adaptation assessment.

"Essentially what we're doing is looking at, what are the current climate change effects across our district, and what are the current health impacts related to those climate change effects and how do we project that those things are going to

change, because we know the climate is changing, and therefore how's that going to affect the health of our residents," she said.

The project is divided into two phases, with the first phase assessing the current situation, including determining who is vulnerable throughout the county, what is the historic and current climate situation, and what is the current burden of illness, aiming to be complete by the end of the year. An adaptation plan would be developed in the second phase, slated to be complete by June 2020.

HKPR work that contributes to adaptation includes recreational water testing, monitoring and surveillance of ticks and mosquitoes, West Nile virus and Lyme disease, and poverty reduction work. Municipalities adaptation work includes developing climate change plans, transportation, emergency planning and preparedness, energy and environmental initiatives and agriculture and community food initiatives.

Shikaze noted that while we often talk about global or national targets in conversations about climate change, the impacts of climate change are often felt locally, and she said in that sense, adaptation to climate change is most effectively carried out at the local level. Shikaze requested a staff liaison be designated through which she could communicate during the ongoing process.

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Young water stewards

Tristan Humphries, right, a Haliburton Home School student, looks over the table of diagrams during the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival on Monday, Sept. 30 at Kinark Camp in Minden. Several hundred students came together to learn about how to be water stewards at home, in class and in the community through 40 activity centres. The activities taught five water concepts related to conservation, attitudes, technology, protection and science./DARREN LUM Staff

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Delegation on recycling gets heated

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I was going to hear from council to say, it's OK, everything was good."

"I'm going to stop you right there, I would say that was a false presumption," responded Mayor Brent Devolin.

"How do you figure?" Garbutt said.

"I'm just saying the way this process rolls out ... it was going to take longer than that," Devolin said. "I know that that's what you asked, but that's not what we answered."

"From May 30 to this date, I've never heard one thing to know, but I continued to do the processing for the cardboard, charged \$100 a ton, got paid for the \$100 a ton, but nobody ever really told me I was getting paid, but the only reason we continued was because if we'd stopped, the township was in a mess," Garbutt said. "If we had stopped, you would have been in complete chaos with recycling for the township."

Devolin began to speak.

"I'll explain the process part," he said. "A couple of things —"

"Excuse me a second, Brent, if we're going to do this —" Garbutt said.

"OK, first of all, this is not a dialogue, sir, this is a delegation," Devolin said, "and if you wanted a dialogue this isn't the way and the form to do it, and you've had no conversations with me since that date ... but I know you have talked to staff and a couple of members of council in terms of what that process is."

The exchange became heated at a number of points.

"We also pick up cardboard in our packer

truck, for the municipality," Garbutt said, "and at the time, and again, I guess this isn't the appropriate place to say it, but I don't know where to go with this stuff ... we pick up approximately two to three tons, or four tons, of cardboard in our packer truck every week, which we take to our Lochlin facility, that never goes to the Scotch Line [landfill], and we want a processing fee on that, too," Garbutt said, saying the company has been refused payment on that. "There's a lot of things going on."

On mixed paper, Garbutt said a Muskoka company taking mixed paper receives \$130 a ton, "for which we never got five cents, ever. And so, as soon as we quit, you're paying \$130 a ton in Muskoka."

Garbutt, who's been providing waste disposal for the township (or its predecessors) for 30 years, said he was now in a position to keep the Lochlin processing facility open, "but we've got to make money. So, paying an outside company \$130 a ton, I'm proposing that we might be able to start doing the mixed paper again, but we'd charge \$125 a ton for the processing," Garbutt said that would also save the township \$30 per load in transportation costs.

Garbutt has been working for the township without a contract for almost a year now, a situation he said he was satisfied with.

"I like the idea of no contract because, if I'm doing a bad job, you guys can fire me," he told councillors. "If we don't feel we're being treated fairly, we can quit, and there's no hard feelings."

Garbutt said he's also willing to work on a plan where the township would take over

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If we had stopped, you would have been in complete chaos with recycling for the township.

— JIM GARBUTT

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those operations.

"I can see where you're going with some of this, and let me say a couple of things, first," Devolin said. "Obviously since we saw in you in May, it's not that we've been doing nothing. Obviously with municipal governments and solid waste, it's a land of very quick transition and obviously, we take the case how it's affecting how you've historically done business, and that you can't do things the same way."

"To that end, obviously with the MOE, our consultant, our [public works] director ... in the not too distant future, I'm expecting that we're going to bring a manager of the waste facility on as a staffer," Devolin said.

There's been upheaval within the township's waste disposal operations within the past year. The township's property and environmental operations supervisor went on long-term leave last winter, and a new position absorbing those duties, a manager of waste facilities, has been created by the township, for which it has been accepting applications. The new position exists under the umbrella of public works, with former roads superintendent Travis Wilson's position changed to director of public works.

Devolin said there's a grocery list of waste disposal items to be dealt with, "and we would like a good, comprehensive, long-term plan going forward that's the best for everybody, for ratepayers, for our staff, for private people that are involved with what we do, such as yourself, and unfortunately that takes time."

Devolin said waiting for a new staff person to start will be key to that process.

"I know from your perspective it may be perceived that it's been many, many months, and it doesn't seem like much is happening, but what I'd say, from our side, there's been an awful lot happening, other than the posting of the position to bring a staff person to deal with all of these issues that relate to our landfills," he said, adding it was the plan to have that position filled before the end of the year.

Devolin said 2020 budget discussions would deal with a number of landfill issues, including cardboard.

"Thank you very much, Brent, but I'm sorry, sir, not to be disrespectful, but I listened to all of that, and it doesn't make sense to the general public, or to me," Garbutt said.

"Well, you have private interests, and we represent all of the public ratepayers of Minden Hills, so we might have a very [different] perspective," Devolin said.

Garbutt said he'd also informed the township that if he closed the Lochlin facility, that he'd require a space at the Scotch Line landfill to dump cardboard.

"And staff has been considering that, and what the options are," Devolin said.

Garbutt then proceeded to say he had an email from staff saying that was not going to happen.

"We're not going to get into this dialogue, here today," Devolin said.

Chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard clarified that the email had indicated there would be no space allotted for the time being, until research was complete and a plan put in place.

Garbutt went on to say he thought staff sometimes overstepped their authority.

"I'm giving you extensive latitude, here, today, you might realize," Devolin said.

"I actually don't see what you're giving me extensive latitude for, but that's your opinion," Garbutt said.

"Do you have any new information that wasn't contained in the original communications and delegations that we had?" Devolin asked. "And, as a first rule, the latitude, you're supposed to submit this all in writing to the clerk before you ever sit in that chair, just to let you know."

"You know, technicalities," Garbutt said.

"It's the rules of municipal government, sir, it is what it is," Devolin replied. He asked Garbutt to submit all of what he'd said in writing.

Garbutt Disposal is approaching 50 years in business.

"We have worked for the municipality for over 30 years," Garbutt said. "We provide service to the township that is second to none. You don't get service like ours from big companies from outside counties. We have always kept costs down, provided service on the weekends, and employ full-time people and support our community."

"This is tense, this is crazy, why can't we get along, here?" said Councillor Pam Sayne. "We have a local business that's been working for us for 30 years. I'm getting information that's contradictory all over the place between what's happening at council, what's happening with our staff and what's happening with the businesses. We've got a problem here of communication. This is a bad time to have a problem with communication when we have so many changing demands from the province right now regarding our landfills. We have a difficulty. We've got to get so we're not at odds with each other. We've got to start working better with each other here, locally, and try to keep the money in our community as well."

"For someone to be working for us without a contract, and if they didn't do that, we'd be in trouble, that's not right," Sayne said. "So we have to figure out how to make this work for all of us, and for our community, and keep the money locally."

"I would say, Councillor Sayne, that the new staff person coming in will absolutely go a long way to that, and that's the purpose of it, OK?" Devolin said.

"No, it's not OK," Sayne said.

"Jim, I know you've spoken with, I think you've spoken with pretty much every member of council, maybe with the exception of the mayor," said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell. "Can I, just moving forward, because it seems like there is different information coming to different people, that in future, I'm the chair of environmental [operations] ... I'm happy to sit with you, kind of liaison back and forth with the new person and try to get it so you're not feeling the need to phone everybody, you're getting different answers and you're having to come as a delegation, and I can feel your frustration today."

Devolin told the *Times* following the meeting that, like Garbutt, he was fine with operating without a contract for the time being, given the fluctuations in policy direction coming from the province.

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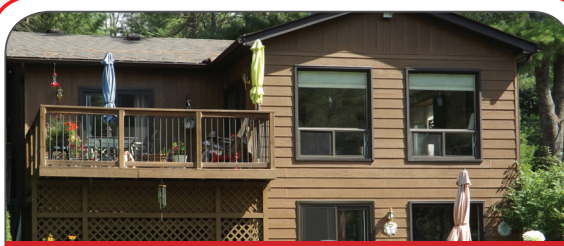
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Get out of their way

A DISTASTEFUL TREND as of late has been the number of adult residents of the county who seem to think nothing of insulting and mocking local teenagers on social media because they disagree with them.

What I'm referring to are the Facebook comments that unfailingly appear any time we publish a story about local young people holding climate change protests.

A few such events took place throughout the last school year, and late last month, another, involving students demonstrating alongside other members of the community, took place outside the high school.

There is a global movement taking place, with demonstrations around the world pushing national governments to take stricter action against climate change. Many school boards have sanctioned demonstrations. Last week, classes were cancelled in Montreal as 16-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg led a climate march of tens of thousands of people through the city. Thunberg had addressed the UN and U.S. Congress just days before.

I'm not going to publish any of the comments here, nor the names of those who make them, although it's interesting to observe I could do both. Media laws in this country mean that anything that can be found publicly on social media can be reprinted, right here, with no permission.

Some of the comments critical of students often tend to skew something along the lines of "these irresponsible kids probably just

want to skip class," and maybe some of them do. However, it's a near certainty that the students at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School understand more about science and the global impacts of climate change than their online detractors. Likely much, much more. Critics quick to point out that students should be in class seem to be blind to the notion that it's what they're learning in class that has led them to the sidewalk in the first place.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Critics might consider that young people are angry as they learn about an international system of government and business that prioritizes endless economic growth over environmental sustainability.

They might consider that those students

are going to have to face the implications of climate change – everything from species extinction to potential food shortages to higher and higher living costs – for decades after most of them have, well, let's say taken the big nap.

You want to deny climate change? That's fine, I guess.

You want to think to yourself that climate change protests are a waste of time and that students involved in them are irresponsible? Fine, too.

But there is no need for any adult person to take time out of their day to take to social media to run down a group of kids for standing up for something they believe in. It's a sad display.

You don't want to applaud them? Fine. But at least get out of their way.

Kwarky

**Taxidermist**

Duck call know-how

NOW THAT duck season is in full swing across the province, I think it is time to review the important matter of duck calling.

I'm going to begin by saying that I have one friend who hunts ducks and doesn't use or even own a duck call. He is, without doubt, the finest caller I know.

I think there is something to be said for admitting that you cannot speak to ducks. There's certainly no shame in it. You wouldn't expect to be fluent in German or Italian in a day or even a season. So why would you think you know the complex language of ducks just because you've grunted into your new duck call a few times?

That's the height of arrogance and, if you think about it, kind of insulting to the ducks.

The truth is all we can do is mimic the noises that ducks make, but what we are saying is probably pure gibberish. And we'd all be better off if we admitted that much.

You might think the complex series of quacks you just emitted means, "Come here! It's safe and there's plenty of food. Oh, and later we are having a Donald Duck film festival!"

But you are probably saying, "Hey guys! I enjoy solving complex mathematical equations! Also, has any one of you read *Wuthering Heights*? I'd love to discuss."

There is no creature on earth that would turn around and land for that.

Of course, part of the problem is we are not watching for those subtle clues that tell a little about the duck's reaction. We just assume they like what we are saying.

Clearly, there are some obvious things

that are easy to notice and correct for. For instance, if a duck stops flapping its wings and places both of them over where its ear holes are, your calling probably needs a lot of work.

The good news is it will plummet to earth where it will remain within easy range for quite a while.

Also, if a duck is coming straight at your decoys and the guy you are hunting with starts calling and the duck does a sudden U-turn away from your blind, politely ask to see his call. Then, when he hands it to you, throw it as far into the marsh as you can. Shoot it on the way in, if possible.

The point I am trying to make is that sometimes a duck call can do more harm than good. The idea of using one is simply to get the birds to notice your decoy spread. After that you should probably shut up or at least tone it down until they lose interest and start flying away. At that point, you've

got nothing to lose, so call again to your heart's content. You might actually turn them around by accidentally insulting one of their mothers.

Personally, I like calling ducks. But I also know it has its limitations. I understand going in that most times they will ignore or even strenuously object to my calling. I have no illusions.

That's OK though, because there are also times when for some inexplicable reason calling works as it should and you turn a duck that will coast right into the decoys that you put out.

I don't quite understand why. My theory is that some ducks probably enjoy solving complex mathematical problems.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

And no birds sang

FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS ago last week – Sept. 27, 1962 – Rachel Carson published *Silent Spring*, the book that really got us thinking about what we are doing to the environment.

Silent Spring predicted more future consequences from indiscriminate use of pesticides and other ways that we are abusing our world. Those predications are coming true.

A dramatic new analysis published in the journal *Science* says the U.S.-Canada bird population is almost three billion birds smaller than it was 50 years ago. The analysis is based on a study by seven research institutions in Canada and the United States.

The number – 2.9 billion fewer birds – is shocking, but not totally surprising. That fits with my observations at the cottage, where songbirds once provided an abundance of joy.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

A few finches and grosbeaks, once a daily feature at our place, showed up a couple of months ago, bringing a spark of hope. But this fall there is little birdsong around our place and walks in the woods have not flushed one ruffed grouse.

Almost six decades after *Silent Spring*, I am witnessing Silent Autumn.

Habitat loss and pesticides are two proven causes of bird decline. There are fears now, however, that changing climate is a contributing factor.

Scientists say there is no evidence that climate change is directly killing birds. Changing climate is, however, having indirect effects.

Recent studies have reported huge declines in insect populations. Insects and birds are hugely important to each other. Many birds eat insects for food. So fewer insects to eat means more birds searching for food to stay alive.

More importantly, rising world temperatures are bringing insects, and diseases they carry, to places they have never been before. For instance, mosquitoes carrying malaria, West Nile Virus and other diseases are populating areas beyond their historical range.

There is a ton of American research on the impact of mosquito-borne disease on birds. U.S. studies have detected the presence of the West Nile Virus in more than 300 species of birds, including ruffed grouse.

Little research has been done in Canada, possibly because nasty bugs and the nasty things they transmit have been limited to warmer areas south of us.

That is changing. Our temperatures are rising and bugs and viruses are moving north. Ticks carrying Lyme Disease are one example. Mosquitoes transmitting the WNV are another.

Canadian research, especially into the impact of West Nile on birds, is urgently needed.

Thankfully we are getting some, from Dr. Amanda MacDonald, a University of Guelph researcher specializing in wildlife disease.

Her study is building data on wild turkeys and ruffed grouse exposed to West Nile in Ontario and Quebec. She is encouraging turkey and grouse hunters to help by submitting blood samples from birds they have shot. The study supplies filter strips for blood collection and postage-paid envelopes for submitting the samples.

Birds can be infected with West Nile when bitten by a mosquito which has bitten and drawn blood from an infected bird or animal.

Not all birds exposed to the virus become ill, or die. However, it does seem to hit hardest the corvid family of birds, of which crows and jays are members.

American research indicates that West Nile is reducing ruffed grouse populations. MacDonald's study will provide information about levels and locations of exposure and could be a start to determining whether West Nile is a factor in shrinking grouse populations.

It also will be important for wild turkeys. Governments and private organizations spent much time and money on reviving wild turkey populations in Ontario. Any threat to that revival needs quick and thorough research.

We must learn everything about what is killing the birds so we can do more to prevent the losses. Not just because they are lovely to look at and wonderful to listen to.

West Nile, Lyme and other insect-borne diseases are becoming more common in our world. So far this year the U.S. Centers for Disease Control has reported well over 300 human cases of WNV, with 45 states and the District of Columbia reporting exposure in mosquitoes, birds or humans.

Silent Spring warned us 57 years ago. Now things that can hurt us are moving our way and we need to be better informed, better prepared.

Climate change

YOU MAY be wondering what health and fitness have to do with climate change. In my opinion they are directly proportional and I'm going to explain my thinking (no big surprise that I will be talking about something).

Most people don't know that I have a degree in environmental geography. That fact really doesn't come up in conversation much because I barely think about it. What is foremost in my mind is living a life that is good for me and the environment – both locally and globally. For a long time I worked in the recycling industry. Many people I worked for made it clear that they were not "tree-huggers"; they were in the business to make money. Regardless of that perspective, the way I saw it was that every tonne I helped to divert from the landfill was a win. I worked hard to make that happen while keeping my employers happy.

After 10 years or so of working with garbage (literally) I started teaching spinning classes for the fun of it. Somewhere along the way I realized that people aren't going to care about how they treat their external environment until they care about the internal environment. So that is how health and fitness is connected to climate change. The better we take care of ourselves the better we are to the environment. Here are some examples:

- The better your circulatory system functions the better your body is able to regulate

its temperature. You will be cooler in hot weather and warmer in cold weather. That means setting the thermostat in your house a couple of degrees warmer (air conditioning) or cooler (heat) will reduce the effect on the environment.

- Walk more drive less – this one explains itself.

- Eat basic foods. Think about how much energy goes into processed food. The preparation, packaging, transportation, and then when it's displayed in the store. Then there is the cost of disposal of the packaging and/or the excess food. Start with the basics, buy/make only as much as you need.

- If you're really inspired grow your own food. There's no driving, no packaging and a sense of accomplishment. Gardening is a workout.

- Go to bed early. Turn off the screens and either raise

or lower the thermostat, depending on the season.

Those are just a few examples. We can contribute to fixing this environmental mess that we've gotten ourselves into by making small changes. Imagine if every Canadian made one change this week. Wouldn't that just be amazing.

Something to think about.

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LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

Get expert advice on your child's nutrition

This fall, there's plenty to learn for families seeking help to establish healthier eating options for their infant, toddler or pre-schooler.

Registered dietitian Laura Abbasi will share her nutrition expertise with parents of young children at Meet the Dietitian events slated for EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Haliburton County. These free events, organized by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit Learn, all run from 10 a.m. to noon on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Oct. 2, at the Haliburton EarlyON Centre (in J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, 1020 Grass Lake Rd. Rm #2014).

- Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Minden EarlyON Centre (in Archie Stouffer Elementary School, 12 Vintage Crescent, Room #125B)

"Healthy eating is essential for a young child's growth and development, but the early years can also lay the foundation for the types of food choices he or she will make later in life," says Abbasi. "That's why we encourage parents and caregivers to attend a Meet the Dietitian event in their community for advice and support."

The Meet the Dietitian events are informative, yet informal and allow for one-on-one time with parents who may have specific questions they want answered. Typically,

Abbasi will cover such topics as: introducing solid foods to infants, dealing with a picky eater, making healthy snacks for the entire family, using Canada's Food Guide (<https://food-guide.canada.ca>) to plan nutritious meals, finding reliable nutrition information online, and promoting healthy eating and supportive feeding environments.

"Sitting down to eat a home-cooked meal together as a family without any digital distractions like cellphones and TVs is a great way parents can showcase healthy eating for their children," she notes. "Busy schedules can make it difficult to enjoy meals together every night, so instead aim for two or three family meals together each week."

According to Abbasi, each age and stage of early childhood has its own challenges when it comes to eating and she is more than happy to address these in the Meet the Dietitian events. For example, introducing new and solid foods is often the biggest challenge facing parents of infants. At the toddler stage, establishing good eating routines is crucial. Parents of preschool-aged children may find dealing with picky eaters or kids with variable appetites are more pressing concerns.

For more on the Meet the Dietitian events, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1233.

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A special opening ceremony event was held for the Minden Animal Hospital where Daniel Allison of Daniel E. Electrical Contracting company, County Warden Liz Daniels, Minden Animal Hospital owner Jenn Morrow and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin posed for the ceremonial planting of a red oak tree on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 4 Booth Street in Minden. The event included face painting, pizza by Into the Blue Bakery, free ready-to-plant trees for the first 80 people, a tour of the energy efficient building, electric and plug-in hybrid car charger, solar power generation, ultra-low flush toilets, and a demonstration by members of the Minden Fire Department, illustrating the advantages of the permeable paving parking lot. The new location has been operating since May. /DARREN LUM Staff




Two-year-old Marina McGowan holds the hand of her mother Aurora McGinn of Minden while having her face painted at a special opening event for the Minden Animal Hospital.



A Minden Hills Fire Department firefighter demonstrates how water pools and streams off asphalt, in stark contrast to how water on permeable paving is filtered of pollutants, reducing erosion at the Minden Animal Hospital.



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If you consider this, and also the idea of what we do when we have a broken bone, with plates and screws put in to help hold and heal, then you understand much of what Jocelyn Purdie – artist of Nature Fixed – is trying to convey. At the opening reception, Purdie explained that the idea for her exhibition came from a 25-year-old magnolia tree in her backyard. Over several years, it had become infested with magnolia scale – a rather devastating disease that can eventually kill the tree. She decided to try to save the tree, spending the next two summers on ladders, with gloved hands and water hoses, removing the scales bit by bit. It survived.

Other influences, Purdie explains, come from reading and research. She is inspired by South African author J.M. Coetzee, naturalist James Thoreau, the eco-fiction novels by Margaret Atwood and ecologist Chris D. Thomas. One poem in particular held much meaning for her as she felt it resonated well with her work. This poem is by Coetzee, from his book *Diary of a Bad Year*. Purdie read this at the opening reception of the exhibition:

On Compassion

“Every day for the past week the thermometer has risen above the 40-degree mark. Bella Saunders in the flat down the corridor tells me of her concern for the frogs along the old creek bed. Will they not be baked alive in their little earthen chambers? She asks anxiously. Can we not do something to help them? What do you suggest? I say. Can we not dig them out and bring them indoors until the heat wave is over? She says. I caution her against trying. You won’t know where to dig. I say. Toward

sunset I observe her carry a plastic bowl of water across the street, which she leaves in the creek. In case the little ones get thirsty, she explains.”

Purdie explains it is easy to make fun of people like Bella, to point out that heat-waves are part of the larger ecological process with which human beings ought not to interfere. But does this criticism not miss something? Are we human beings not part of that ecology too?

Over the last several years, Purdie’s subject matter has highlighted her interest in landscape, exploring the human relationship to the environment, and reimagining the natural world within that context. This exhibition is a combination of photography, sculptures and installation. Purdie incorporates a wide range of materials; including found objects such as acorns, pine cones, tree parts (stumps, branches and trunks) and fake fur; in combination with the commercially fabricated metal pieces, dinky trucks and plastic animals. The tree-like sculptures have been put together using steel brackets that are intentionally visible – screws and all. This is meant to emphasize the use of the human hand on the work.

Purdie has photography of the sculptures to create a relationship between the two.

“It is sometimes obvious the connection but by playing with the scale in the images, for me, there is also a disconnect between the two that opens up a space between them which I think allows them to stand on their own,” she explains.

“These were the kinds of things I was thinking about while developing this work. It is really about bringing an awareness of how our actions impact the natural world around us.”

This is a strong theme that is igniting artists around the world; to speak about our impact on our earth. As we watched thousands of people walk out for the climate change rallies this past Friday, with the fierce Greta Thunberg leading the way, such displays are

emboldening people to action.

Nature Fixed is exhibiting until Oct. 19. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road and is open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is by donation.

The artist would like to acknowledge the support of the Ontario Arts Council.

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One big pumpkin

Anne Coltman of Minden Hills stands with her 412-pound pumpkin at the Harvest Fest and luncheon put on by the Minden Agricultural Society and Haliburton County Farmers' Association. Cathy Fisher says the pumpkin was grown in Minden and was the heaviest at the event with the next biggest weighing 57 pounds and the third weighing 30 pounds. /Photo courtesy of Cathy Fisher



Haliburton voice going unheard in flood talks: Moffatt

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

At a Sept. 25 county council meeting, Councillor Carol Moffatt expressed frustrations with a meeting with Doug McNeil, special advisor on flooding, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, earlier in the month.

Moffatt, Algonquin Highlands mayor and Upper Trent Watershed Water Management Partnership co-chair, said the Sept. 10 meeting with the provincial flood advisor in Muskoka was "extremely disappointing."

According to a July press release from the provincial government, after a series of flooding engagement sessions, McNeil "will advise the province on ways to reduce the impacts of flooding and ensure communities can recover quickly."

Moffatt, who attended the meeting representing the county, reported it was clearly Muskoka-based, and that she was the "lone non-Muskoka voice" in attendance.

"It seemed to me that, I felt like, we just don't matter. It seems to me the entire watershed that we belong to – Gull down into the Trent – none of those folks were consulted."

Moffatt presented an extensive submission offering a snapshot of Haliburton County's history and experience with watershed management and flooding events as well as work done so far toward flood mitigation.

"I feel that in the face of last year, Muskoka being given \$5 million to create the Muskoka Watershed Advisory Council, that there's a neighbouring community that has a far greater voice than we do," said Moffatt. "And, yet, I believe Haliburton County has consistently, for a longer period of time, experienced challenges with high water and flooding and changes that we're experiencing with changing weather patterns, etc. and that our voice is not being heard."

She questioned if UTWMP should become a separate body like the Muskoka Watershed Advisory Council and said that she had had conversations with UTWMP co-chair, and Coalition for Equitable Water Flow chair Ted Spence after the meeting in Muskoka.

"There's a distinct advantage and I think that we're not being heard at all by the province and that we need to undertake some discussion and course of action and lobby of some sort to make sure that the Haliburton County and UTWMP voice

is being heard loud and clear at the province, because I'm not convinced it is."

Minden Hills mayor Brent Devolin suggested the county might "strike an alliance" to "take a unified approach" with Renfrew area, which has experienced recent flooding as well, if they are feeling as disenfranchised as Haliburton County is, and noted a need to revisit the county's lack of voice in light of the provincial government's recent winding down of some programs of provincial conservation authorities.

"I think this is a large enough issue that we need a special date set aside with no other business to talk about where we're at, and some thoughts and strategies," said Devolin. "I'm not saying we do it right away, maybe it's a month or so, but to think about the options."

Moffatt said she would speak with Spence about a meeting going forward.

"To me, the message was, you don't matter. The message very clear to me was we have no interest in what happens in Haliburton County. I hope that I'm wrong about that ... So I think there's some conversations to be had."

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ASES students walk for Terry Fox

Grade 6 students Emily Brown, left, and Maddy Walker hold a handmade sign while walking in the annual Terry Fox Run at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on Friday, Sept. 27. Close to 400 students and faculty participated in the event, which started at the school, then moved into town along Riverwalk to the Logger's Bridge and back, continuing on the boardwalk to the library and finished at the school./DARREN LUM Staff



Archie Stouffer Elementary School students are reflected in a puddle while running in the school's annual Terry Fox Run.



An Archie Stouffer Elementary School junior kindergarten student walks in the school's annual Terry Fox Run

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CUPE work-to-rule job action began Monday

Education unions bargaining across the province

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Work-to-rule began Sept. 30 for CUPE members, which includes educational assistants, clerical staff, custodians and library staff across the province, including the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, after two additional days of contract negotiations over this past weekend between the union and Doug Ford's government failed to see a deal reached.

An email sent to CUPE local members on Sept. 25 outlined the work-to-rule instruction documents, noting central bargaining "has proven to be very difficult."

Under work-to-rule job action, CUPE members are asked, among other things, to not perform the duties of any other member, not attend training sessions on unpaid time, not volunteer, to work at a safe pace, not answer emails, texts or calls from supervisors outside of work hours, and take breaks and lunch with other CUPE members.

Custodial members are asked, among other things, to not supervise students, not complete ground maintenance including grass cutting and shovelling, not pick up garbage outside, not use personal tools and equipment and not clean any ministry unfunded areas such as hallways, office areas and gymnasiums.

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Across the province, CUPE represents 55,000 education workers and bargaining has been conducted by CUPE's Ontario School Board Council of Unions.

"We've always said that any job action we take will have

at its heart the protection of education services for students," said Laura Walton, president of CUPE's OSBCU, in a Sept. 25 press release. "And this year we've seen those services decimated: school libraries closed over students' lunch breaks because there aren't enough library workers; school cleaning cut to the point that custodians are told they can only vacuum kindergarten classrooms once a week; eight or nine students with special needs now supported by a single education assistant; communications with parents affected because some schools have lost their school secretaries. If it takes job action to restore these services, then so be it. This is something worth fighting for."

Earlier this month, CUPE locals around the province voted 93 per cent for job action. Locally, the bargaining unit representing office, clerical, technical and educational assistants voted 97.4 per cent in favour of a strike mandate and custodial and maintenance staff voted 98.8 per cent in favour.

In a Sept. 29 evening press release from Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, he said: "It is deeply disappointing that CUPE has decided to end talks this weekend, and proceed with a partial withdrawal of services, despite a limited number of outstanding items at the table. The Crown and the employers tabled a reasonable offer and expanded our offer

through the negotiations with one interest in mind: landing a deal that keeps our kids in class. We have offered proposals to address compensation, job security and funding for additional staffing. A key issue that remains is resolving rising absenteeism rates, and the impact that has on students and schools."

Lecce's press release states negotiations will continue, and that additional bargaining dates "to bring everyone back to the table so that we can ensure our kids remain in class" have been requested.

"During this period of job action, student safety will remain the utmost priority – a position I know we all share. We stand with parents working to protect our students' futures, invest in their potential and ensure they remain in the classroom."

At press time, contract talks for the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario are ongoing, with strike votes beginning Sept. 30, continuing into October. The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation began substantive bargaining on Sept. 30. A strike vote has not been taken. Negotiations are ongoing for the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association, with the union not having taken a strike vote yet.

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Hawks winless, but not defeated

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It was clear by the smiles of the Red Hawks varsity girls' rugby players that losing to the visiting Wildcats of I.E. Weldon Secondary School wasn't the end of them.

They will play again. They will have another opportunity to improve and to see progress.

It's the development of the program that is key in these games where the opponent has more game play experience at any level, let alone club level.

This was the Hawks' second loss in as many games.

The team did not score against the Wildcats after opening their season with five points in the season opener against Adam Scott while in Peterborough.

With several new players to the sport, the team fields a range of players from rookies to relative veterans of multiple competitive years.

On the sidelines for this game included coaches Alexis David, Brianne Pockett, Carson MacDonald, Karys Harrison and faculty liaison Jenn Paton.

The Hawks played with grit and tenacity. The team's notable play came from seniors Charlotte Paton, Ania Smolen and Skye Lambshead.

At press time, the results were not available from the team's most recent home game

against Holy Cross on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The team will next head out on the road

and play Thomas A. Stewart Secondary on Tuesday, Oct. 8.



Red Hawks varsity rugby player Kiera Casey takes the line-out throw while playing the I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats during the team's home opener on Friday, Sept. 27 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks lost to the visiting Wildcats and remain winless after two games, but continue to strive to improve./ **DARREN LUM** Staff

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Answers on page 18

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Rainbow offers picturesque backdrop for match

Cheryl Patterson captured a photo of a rainbow in the sky above the varsity girls' field hockey game in Peterborough on Sept. 26. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School tied Crestwood Secondary School 0-0. The Hawks will host their home opener on Oct. 3, a double-header with St. Peter Catholic Secondary School and Holy Cross. The first game against St. Peter will be at 2:45 followed by Holy Cross at 3:45. /Submitted by Cheryl Patterson.



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Bowling Scores

Fast Lane bowling stats for Monday afternoon, Sept. 23

High Average (cumulative)

Women – Cathy Snell – 210

Men – Rick West – 231

This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Cathy Snell – 230

High Single Hcp – Chris Cote – 275

High Triple – Cara Vuksic – 537

High Triple Hcp – June Beadle – 679

This Week's Highs – Men

High Single – Gary Hunt – 234

High Single Hcp – Ken Thompson – 254

High Triple – Gary Hunt – 630

High Triple Hcp – Gary Hunt – 687

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Sept. 24

Men

High Average Ken Thompson 192

High Single Nick Biljetina 252

High Single H/C Nick Biljetina 309

High Triple Dave Tipton 605

High Triple H/C Nick Biljetina 762

Women

High Average Chris Cote 183

High Single Mabel Clendenning 244

High Single H/C Mabel Clendenning 302

High Triple Mabel Clendenning 572

High Triple H/C Helen Burk 770

Thursday Afternoon Senior's Bowling Sept. 26

High Scores:

Women:

High Average: Nancy Charlton 208

High Single: Edith Shirran 205

High Single w/hdcp: Helen Dentinger 264

High Triple: Helen Dentinger 540

High Triple w/hdcp: Helen Dentinger 726

Men:

High Average: Gerry Wagg 195

High Single: John Bell 257

High Single w/hdcp: John Bell 299

High Triple: John Bell 663

High Triple w/hdcp: John Bell 789

Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores

Emily Boccitto 181

Luke Shapiera 175

Casey Heley 171

Sarah Huson 166

Andrea Austin 164

Kim Buie 154



Championship win

Dalton Kellett, left, and Matt McMurry hold up the No. 1 sign after the pair teamed up to win the IMSA LMP2 race at the Monterey SportsCar Championship at the Weather Tech Raceway Laguna Seca on Sept. 15. It was Kellett's second win in as many attempts at this race and the fifth for McMurry. Kellett also races for Juncos Racing in the Indy Lights series and finished the season sixth. Kellett is the grandson to Glenn Kellett, who started the more than 400-employee strong company K-Line Group of Companies with one truck. Submitted by Ralph Burchert.

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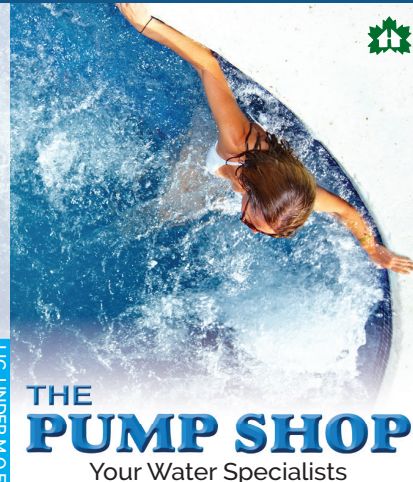
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Book Launch: From Bear Rock Mountain: The Life and Times of a Dene Residential School Survivor by Antoine Mountain

When: Thursday, Oct. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Where: Radio Hall, Canoe FM , 739 Mountain Street, Haliburton
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Volleyball program grows, adds senior squad

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Everyone knows this season will be a challenge for the senior Red Hawks boys' volleyball team, but its mere existence wasn't even a possibility just a few years ago.

Third year player and captain Jacob Dobson is happy he can continue playing volleyball and be a mentor to younger players.

Dobson never played before high school and said playing has enriched his high school experience.

"It's allowed me to experience more things than I experienced before. Every other sport I've done has sort of been something I've done before starting high school," he said, referring to cross country, curling and track and field.

The Grade 11 student, who is also on the high school's cross country team and curls competitively, has grown to love volleyball.

He has been part of the volleyball program since it started three years ago with a junior team.

The main difference for volleyball when compared to curling is the size of the team and the inherent dynamic differences, working with a group all at once.

Dobson is thankful to head coach Brett Caputo, who is responsible for resurrecting the boys' program after the school lacked any representation for at least two decades.

"We're looking to just keep improving and keep growing. Hopefully we'll get a few wins in," he said.

Caputo appreciates the boys' interest. Their involvement and dedication has provided the opportunity to have two teams this season.

Other schools within the board with more students have just one volleyball team. Not only does Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute only have a senior volleyball team, but they couldn't field a football team and barely have enough players for a varsity soccer team.

While talking to other coaches, Caputo said, "It seems sport in general in high school [is] a little bit in decline depending on pockets of where you are in Ontario, I guess. We've noticed it in all the schools."

He wasn't certain about why, but said it's happened before, saying it comes "in waves."

Caputo appreciates Dobson, his co-captain and setter Sam Hoenow, and the entire 11-player team for their attitude toward what is expected to be a challenging season, making do without any players with four or more years of playing experience.

"It's a good group. We'll see how it goes. We won't know until tomorrow," he said, referring to the season opener on the road. "It's going to be tough because we're playing big schools."

Caputo said it helps to have eight players returning.

All tournaments, which include schools categorized from A to AAA, start at 2 p.m.

The team will be in tough this season when they play perennial volleyball powerhouses class A schools, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School and Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute.



Red Hawks boys' senior volleyball coach Brett Caputo demonstrates a set play to his team in a pre-season practice on Monday, Sept. 23 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

St. Thomas not only earned a berth to OFSAA, the all-provincial championships, but finished with silver, losing to Louis Riel (0-3).

The team will be playing tournaments every Tuesday. It will host a tournament on Oct. 8 and then host the Kawartha Championship on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Caputo's co-coach last year Mike Gaffney has remained with the junior team this season. According to the senior coach, the junior roster of 14 players look poised for on-court success.

"Good athletes. Their size is a little bit bigger. They grew a little bit. The Grade 9s," he said. "It's helped with only a varsity football team and no soccer. The Grade 9 show in town is volleyball now."

Caputo believes in the future of the program and said it's imperative to have a senior team to do that.

"Even if only six of these guys come back next year, we have eight guys moving up [from juniors] then the program can keep rolling from there," he said.

Dobson welcomes being an example and is glad the program has grown.

He hopes it continues long after he has graduated.

"It's been special growing up and seeing kids join the program, going into Grade 9 and going through the same thing I went through when I started. Just learning the game from the get go. I hope that they look up to me and I can be a good role model and inspiration for them and hopefully they'll improve and keep the program going and improving," he said.

Coach Caputo sent an update about the season opening tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 24:

"The senior boys volleyball team won the split (1-1) against AAA Cobourg Collegiate 25-14, 18-25 and dropped both sets to AA St-Mary's. The boys played well as a team and showed a lot of potential moving forward this season," he wrote.

The team's next tournament is Oct. 1 at I.E. Weldon.

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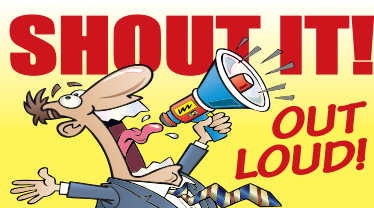
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Mabel Everall

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Peacefully at Marianhill Home in Pembroke on Saturday September 21, 2019 in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Gordon Everall. Loving mother of David (Candy) and Ann (Kevin Henderson).

Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Julie (Kevin McPhee) and Ryan Henderson. Dear sister of Carol (George Stephen) Jack (Betty) and Roy (Bonnie). Predeceased by her sisters Myra (Ted Scholtes), Eileen (Wilfred Caines), Faye (Jack McDonagh) and Doris (Victor Taran). Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Mabel enjoyed music and most of all she enjoyed being a homemaker and looking after her family.

Graveside Service & Reception

A Graveside Service will take place on Friday morning October 4, 2019 at 11 o'clock for family and close friends at Evergreen Cemetery Haliburton. Reception to follow at HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME in The Community Room, 13523 Hwy. #118 Haliburton, Ontario. 705-457-9209 As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

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DEWAR, Dorothy: D.D

Peacefully with her family at her side on Thursday September 26, 2019 at Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

Dorothy was the beloved wife of Rob Dewar of Minden for 24 years. Loving mother of Joddie Walker, Jason and his wife Lori Dewar, Andrew Dewar and his partner Lucas Alcock, Cora and her husband Mike Padgett. Devoted grandmother of Jenna Walker, Lucas Hughes, Adyson Padgett, and predeceased by her grandson Jackson Padgett. Dear sister of Elizabeth Sutton and her husband Larry (predeceased). Mary Vinette and her husband John. Remembered by her nieces and nephews. Sister in law of Vivian (predeceased) and her partner Bob Graham, Sam Scriver, Liz Dewar, John and Jim (predeceased) Norman and his wife Cathy Dewar, Donald and his wife Monica Dewar. The family of Mrs. Dewar will receive friends at the JARDINE FUNERAL HOME, CREMATION & Tribute Centre, 8 Princes' St. West, Fenelon Falls on Thursday October 3, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. until Dorothy's celebration in the chapel at 1:30 p.m. Interment to follow at Fenelon Falls Cemetery. The family will host a reception at the Fenelon Falls Legion. In lieu of flowers memorial donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. On line condolences, memorial donations can be made at www.jardinefuneralhome.com



In Loving Memory of

Ted Harrison

(Retired from Bell Canada after 32 years of service)

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Friends and Family are invited to a gathering to Celebrate Ted's Life on Saturday October 12th, 2019 from 1:00 until 4:00 pm at home (1027 Mistivale Road). Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Canada Day Fishing Derby or to the Minden Food Bank would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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George Schvarcz

of Haliburton, Ontario

Passed away peacefully on September 25, 2019 at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga in his 79th year.

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George was the owner of Haliburton Outdoor Equipment, and he will be greatly missed by his employees, friends and customers. George loved the outdoors, skiing, fishing, hunting and snowmobiling. The funeral arrangements for George will be held privately. Those who would like to honor George with a donation may do so through the Canadian Cancer Society or by giving blood at your local Red Cross.



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Head for the Hills

How does Minden Hills sound?

Residents of Snowdon, Lutterworth, Anson, Hindon and Minden townships have a new name to get used to. The Transition Board approved the Name Selection Committee's recommendation at last Thursday's meeting.

The amalgamated townships will be known as the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills, or Minden Hills, for short.

Name Selection Committee Chair Wendy Ladurantaye stressed the need for a name with which area residents and visitors could easily identify.

"The community should understand that their addresses will remain the same," she added.

Ladurantaye explained that the selection process was a difficult one. Many of the submitted names included Minden as one of the words. That was taken into account when the final decision was made. It was a close competition between Minden Hills and Five Rivers.

"I think it's an excellent choice,"

(more on page 4)

Dianne Graham named Citizen of the Year

by Matthew Sittler

Honoured for her many talents, community spirit and shrewd marketing capabilities, Dianne Graham has been named the Minden Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year.

Presented during last Monday's Rotary Club meeting, held at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant, the surprised Graham accepted the award gratefully. Rotary Past-President Bill Roszell presented a plaque to Graham after citing her past accomplishments and outstanding personal qualities.

"After moving to Minden, Dianne didn't take very long before getting very deeply involved," noted Roszell. "As a member of the County Town Museum Committee, she researched Minden's history well-enough that she was able to develop and present historical walking tours of Minden for several years."

Dianne Graham moved to Minden in 1991. No stranger to the area - she had vacationed with her family at Miner's Bay Lodge in the past. It was at this time that she fell in love with the Haliburton Highlands.

Arriving with husband Gord, Dianne initially continued her work with Via Rail where she was in charge of public relations for eastern Ontario. The job allowed Dianne to work from her riverside home in Minden, but on a regular basis the position required she commute to Toronto and other places before retiring. Graham worked closely with the Travel and Tourism industry, designing brochures, writing press releases, speeches for executives and organizing special events.

After retiring to Minden, Dianne immersed herself

in the community. "She was one of the original organizers of the highly successful Home and Garden Tour," said Roszell. "This year, as the Chair of the Home and Garden Committee, Dianne guided the organization through its sixth successful tour, bringing the total contributions to the local health services capital campaign to over \$25,000."

Dianne has served on the Board of Directors of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, this past year as Director, Secretary and Marketing Representative. "It is not unusual to see Dianne in an unofficial capacity, cleaning up flower boxes, picking up trash and generally showing pride in the appearance of the community," said Roszell.

"She applied for the position of Administrator at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery and, in September 1998, gladly accepted it." Since then, Dianne has taken on the responsibility of the Minden County Town Museum Complex as well.

Roszell quoted Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon as saying "The visibility of the gallery can now be enhanced and increased through a strong marketing campaign."

Presenting the plaque to Graham, Roszell concluded his remarks with a heartfelt congratulation. "It is with great pleasure Dianne, that I present you with this award."

"I am totally flabbergasted," said the graceful winner. "I am just stunned, thrilled and honored - of course I accept this also on behalf of my husband. He's my right hand, my left hand - my everything."

In closing, Dianne said she would hang her plaque at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery so that the public could see and learn about Rotary. As part of

the Citizen of the Year Award, the Rotary Club will make a \$200 donation to a charity of her choice. Dianne's donation will go to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.



Minden's Citizen of the Year, Dianne Graham, is seen here with Rotary Club President John Kerr and the plaque she received.

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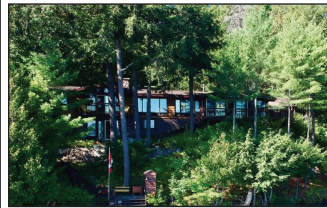
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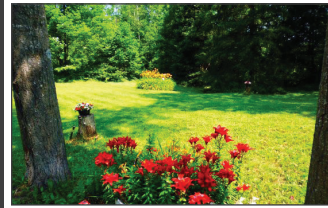
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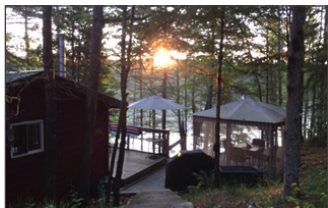
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- Private with 210' frontage & lakeside boathouse
- Completely turnkey cottage with 3+ bedrooms
- Numerous updates in & out, 2.5H from GTA



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Long Lake \$399,900

- 3BR Viceroy-style cottage, Newer septic & winter water system
- 2-lake chain with Miskwabi Lake for miles of boating
- Adjacent vacant lot also available



Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049

Redstone Lake \$699,000

- Beautiful 3-bedroom, 2 bath home or cottage
- Large windows & deck overlooking the lake
- Southern Exposure, sand beach on Redstone Lake



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Black Lake \$419,000

- 1,400 sq ft Log Cottage
- Open concept, 3 bed + Bunkie
- Clean waterfront



Brandon Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

East Moore Lake \$789,000

- Custom-crafted 4 season, under 2H from GTA
- Open concept interior, sunroom & WO to deck
- 3-bedroom, 2 bath, large second level loft
- Extreme privacy, to 239' of deep clean shoreline



NEW PRICE



Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Haliburton-By-The-Lake \$439,000

- Open Concept, 3-bedroom, 2 bath home
- Walking distance to all the amenities in town
- Includes access to a private park & boat launch



SOLD



Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Little Hawk Lake \$399,900

- Cute & cozy renovated cottage with lakeside bunkie
- Algonquin setting with big lake views
- One of only 15 cottages with road access



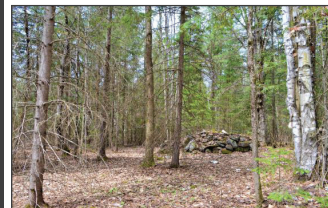
NEW LISTING



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Glamor Lake Road \$79,900

- 7.2 acres of beautiful hardwood trees
- Driveway in



Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

Building Lot \$74,900

- Beautifully forested & private 2+ acre lot
- Ski in trail to Sir Sam's adjacent to the property
- Just a short drive from the town of Eagle Lake



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Hunter Creek Estates \$124,000

- Recently renovated home with 3 bedrooms
- New flooring, freshly painted, new electric furnace
- Located on a large corner lot, minutes to Minden



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Bungalow \$349,500

- Built in 2007, 3 Bedrooms/1.5 Baths
- Open Concept, 1575 sq. ft, c/air, generator
- Covered Deck, Level Lot, Garden Shed
- Walk to all Amenities, Access to Gull R. 1 blk away



Lindsay Wilkinson
286-2138 x 25

Haliburton Village \$449,900

- Opportunity knocks combined home and commercial property
- Located close to hospital and schools
- 2+1 bedroom house plus 2700 sq ft shop.



SOLD



Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Haliburton Home \$165,000

- Ideal intown starter or retirement home
- Walking distance to all Haliburton amenities
- Open concept with 2 bedrooms, 4-pc Bath
- Propane furnace, drilled well, town sewers

With offices located in Haliburton 705-457-2128, Minden 705-286-2138,
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